



Choose hybrids in the fall

Overview

Fall is often the best time to select corn hybrids for the next season, when harvest is just completed and your observations are still fresh in your mind. Early ordering can also help ensure availability of hybrids and seed sizes that best fit your farming practices.

What you should know

- New hybrids are continually being introduced and evaluated to improve yield potential and agronomic performance. Local test plot results provide guidance on current and new hybrid performance in your area.
- When evaluating hybrids, look for consistency in agronomic performance and yield performance. Often times, the temptation is to pick the number one yielding hybrid in a single plot. A more appropriate strategy would be to evaluate several plots in your area with similar management practices to see where hybrids rank in overall performance.
- Select new hybrids that perform better than your current hybrid after consulting a trusted agronomic adviser regarding your needs.

Action steps

1. **Evaluate current season hybrids for performance:** Keep in mind that agronomic features and trait packages can have a significant impact on the final level of performance.
2. **Develop a crop plan for next year:** Match hybrids that performed best this season to fields with similar characteristics for the upcoming season. Pay special attention to the yield potential of each field and carefully position hybrids that perform best in each environment. Take insect pressure into consideration and select hybrids with the appropriate trait package. Remember to include the appropriate percentage of refuge hybrids as needed.
3. **Select hybrids:** Look for hybrids with increased potential for performance in your conditions. Select multiple hybrids of varying maturities within your maturity zone to spread risk and widen the harvest window.



Fall is one of the best times to select hybrids for next season, while your observations from harvest are still fresh in your mind.



30-Second Summary

- Fall is often the best time to select next season's hybrids.
- Look at how hybrids performed on your acres this year and compare to data for new hybrids available for next season.
- Don't forget to factor in defensive traits and agronomic features that may help performance on your acres.

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